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Application No.: 09/850,069

REMARKS

Claims 4, 5, and 45-51 are currently pending in this application. The foregoing Amendment amends claims 4, 47, 49, and 50. Claim 51 is added. No new matter has been introduced into the application by these amendments.

The December 29, 2003 Office Action indicated that it was both a non-final Action as well as a final Action. The undersigned spoke with Examiner Brevard on March 19, 2004 who confirmed that the Action was non-final. The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesy of the clarification.

The Action rejected all of the claims as unpatentable over Lin in view of Davis. Previous Replies to Office Actions have addressed these references in some detail. This Reply focuses on claim elements that are not shown in, or suggested by, the references.

The battery container in the prior art does not show claim 4's "rigid container for the at least one electronic control system and the power supply system" or the "rigid containment unit" of claims 45, 47, and 49. The claimed rigid container is not shown in Lin or Davis. Lin's bag 33 is a flexible sack that the Action acknowledges does not contain a power supply system. Davis shows a battery pack, but it is contained inside a resinous foam core 26 with a protective "compressible" jacket 26. As can best be seen in Davis's Figure 4, the jacket is compressed to fit within the rigid arms of the bottle cage. The addition of "rigid" in claims 1 and 45 distinguishes

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each of them from both Lin and Davis. Claim 1 is further amended to remove unnecessary language due to the addition of “rigid” before “container” in the claim.

Claims 46, 48, and 50 claim elastic clamps for anchoring an elongated sheath that constitutes the battery container. Neither the clamps or the elongated sheath are shown or suggested in Lin or Davis. Lin does not show a clamp or sheath. Davis shows a battery pack- not a sheath- and does not show a clamp.

New claim 51 recites a “battery containment unit positioned beside the bottle cage supporting unit” that is not shown in the prior art. Lin does not show or suggest a battery containment unit, and Davis’s battery unit is positioned *within* the bottle cage; not *beside* it as now claimed and shown in Figures 1-4.

Claim 50 is amended to clarify its dependence.

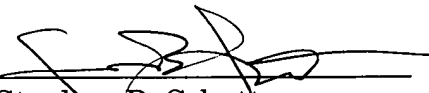
Accordingly, Applicant submits that the pending claims are patentable over Lin in view of Davis and are in condition for allowance.

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If for any reason the Examiner believes that an interview, either telephonically or in person, would assist in the prosecution of the application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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